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To whom it may concern:

If my understanding of the proposed Microsoft settlement even comports only slightly with its reality, then this is no settlement at all. It would do nothing punitive, nothing to remedy past misconduct, nothing to inhibit future misconduct, and nothing to diminish Microsoft's monopoly power - indeed, it would help Microsoft make additional inroads in a computer hardware and software market in which Apple, for example, now competes against it well (education), thereby enhancing Microsoft's monopoly power. Thus, the settlement does not impose any penalty, but rather it confers a benefit, on a company that has been found liable for unlawful abuse of its monopoly power.

This so-called "settlement" is a joke and an offense, and the Department of Justice and the states should do everything in their power to oppose it.

Sincerely Yours,

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